over Rs. 75 lacs from NAFED towards demurrage charges;

(b) if so, which consignment this demurrage is related to and since when this amount is due; and

(c) what steps the Bombay Port Trust have taken to recover this amount from NAFED?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demurrage relates to two consignments of white cement imported by the NAFED. The amount had started accruing since November, 1984.

(c) The consignments were sold to recover the port charges. However as the amount relised was not sufficient to recover the port charges fully, a demand notice for recovery was issued to NAFED. As the amount was not remitted, Bombay Port Trust has filed a suit in Bombay High Court on 18-1-1990 for recovery of the amount.

Irrigation facilities envisaged under Shahpur Rehabilitation Project

*418. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :

SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 2500 refugees were rehabilitated in Shahpur, District Betul of Madhya Pradesh and were allotted agricultural land;

(b) if so, whether it was envisaged in the project report that irrigation facility would be provided for farming as the allotted land was light, sandy and infertile;

(c) whether it is also a fact that LATIYA-BICHUWA irrigation project was submitted for sanction about 20 years ago but has not been sanctioned to-date; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in the sanction of this project and by when the project is likely to be sanctioned and implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Shahpur Rehabilitation Project was started in 1965-66. There was no commitment by the Government of India for providing irrigation facilities in the Project. The Government of Madhya Pradesh submitted the Latia Bichuwa Irrigation Scheme in 1971 for providing irrigation facilities to the New Migrant families settled in the Shahpur Rehabilitation Project. It was not found possible to fund the scheme because the New -Migrant families settled in the project had already been allotted 5 acres of agricultural land per family in accordance with the scale prescribed for unirrigated lands.

(d) Does not arise.

अर्ध-सैनिक बलों की संख्या

*419. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार देश में कानून और व्यवस्था की बिगड़ती स्थिति को दृष्टि में रखते हुये विभिन्न अर्ध-सैनिक बलों की संख्या में वृद्धि करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री मुफ्ती मोहम्मद सईद) : (क) और (ख) कानून और व्यवस्था की मौजूदा स्थिति सहित विभिन्न पहलुओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए अर्ध-

सैनिक बलों की संख्या की समय-समय पर संवीक्षा की जाती है और आवश्यकतानुसार बलों में वृद्धि करने संबंधी कार्रवाई की जाती है।

Construction of residential quarters for the employees of Akashvani Kendra, Gorakhpur

*420. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that land was purchased more than three years back for the construction of residential quarters for the officers and staff of Akashvani Kendra, Gorakhpur;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in taking up the construction of the residential quarters; and

(c) by when the construction work is likely to be taken up and the period by when it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) and (b) A site measuring 2·92 acres was handed over by the Gorakhpur Development Authority to All India Radio in June, 1987 for construction of staff quarters. Due to paucity of funds and cost escalation, the proposal was revised. This delayed the taking up of construction work of the residential quarters. The revised proposal has now been approved by the Expenditure Finance Committee.

(c) The construction work is envisaged to be taken up during the current year and completed by the end 1991.

Impact of autonomy to AIR and Doordarshan on the Planning process

@2268. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission had set up a working group to examine among other things, the impact of Government's policy to grant autonomy to the All India Radio and Doordarshan on the Eighth Five Year Plan and on the long term planning process ;

(b) if so, the terms of reference of the group ;

(c) whether the working group has since submitted its report; and

(d) if so, what are the main recommendations thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is enclosed. (*See below*).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

In the context of the preparation of the Eighth Five Year Plan a Working Group on Information and Broadcasting has been set up by the Government of India, Planning Commission, vide order No. M-12068/1/89-CIB, dated 13-12-1989.

The terms of the working group are as follows:

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